

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 30th July 2017

Publications Library

Another batch of newsletters has been added to the IRTS Publications Library at www.irts.ie/library this time supplied by Leo EI8BR. Leo has provided us with copies of newsletters from the early 1980s, so we now have practically all the IRTS newsletters from Autumn 1981 through to the year 2000 in the online library, as well as occasional newsletters dating from as far back as 1948. Once again we are asking members to have a look through their bookshelves and attics to find copies of some of the missing newsletters; Séamus EI8BP or Joe EI7GY will look after scanning and uploading any newly-unearthed publications.

Summits On The Air

During the week we heard John VK6NU, formerly EI4GY, operating on Slieve Gullion, the highest point in County Armagh. Also last week, Esther GI0AZA and Ian GI0AZB were on the air from the Mourne, on Slievenaglogh. Stay tuned, with long days and reasonable weather we can expect to hear more summits on the air over the next few weeks.

South Dublin Radio Club

SDR will be taking its traditional break for the next 2 weeks. The club will meet again on Tuesday 15th of August. In the mean time club members, and non club members, are welcome to join the net on the 6 metre band on 50.145Mhz any weekday evening from 8 to 9pm local time.

North Cork Radio Group

NCRG will be holding their annual Radio and Electronics Rally on Sunday 10th September at The Commons Inn, Blackpool, Cork. As per usual doors open at 11am and admission is €5 per person, with under 16s free. A raffle will also be held on the day with tickets available at the door.

Anyone wishing to book a table, please contact Lisa EI9GSB on 086 8427756.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

Tomorrow night Monday the 31st of July at 8.00 p.m. sharp, the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will hold their July meeting in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio or the group are as always very welcome to attend. For anyone who wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can check out their website www.searg.ie You can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

The Inistioge Vintage Rally celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and will take place on Sunday the 6th of August 2017. SEARG will have a demonstration area where they will have an amateur radio station in operation and they look forward to seeing you there.

DX News

Alan KE4TA will be based in Rwanda for the next three years. He has been issued with the callsign 9X0TA and will be on the air within the next week or two as soon as his gear is shipped. He expects to be active mainly on 20 and 17m. His QSL manager is N4GMR.

Koji JI1LET will be back on the Ogasawara Islands from 3rd – 12th August. He will sign JD1BOI on all the HF bands CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to the home callsign.

The TX5EG team will be on the Marquesas Islands from 29th July – 6th August. This island group counts as a separate entity for the DXCC Award. The IOTA reference is OC-027. QSL manager is F6BCW.

The Quito Radio Club in Ecuador, which has the usual callsign HC1QRC, is celebrating the 86th Anniversary of the Club. Members have recently been on the air with the special event callsign of HD086QRC.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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